

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
FLORENCE DIVISION

United States of America,

v.

Bryant Oneal Fulton.

Criminal No. 4:06-cr-00207-TLW-7

Order

The defendant was arrested on January 27, 2020 pursuant to a warrant issued for violations of the terms of supervised release. ECF No. 773. The defendant was released on bond. The Court scheduled a supervised release revocation hearing in this matter for March 31, 2020. This hearing was then cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. At that time, the Court rescheduled the hearing for May 11, 2020. However, due to ongoing concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and a significant rise in case numbers in the state of South Carolina, that hearing was cancelled. The Court scheduled a supervised release revocation hearing in this matter for July 22, 2020, to proceed by videoconference pursuant to Section 15002(b)(1)(F) of the Cares Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136. The Court is required to have the consent of the defendant to conduct a supervised release revocation hearing. CARES Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136, § 15002(b)(1)(F). Due to the circumstances of this matter, the Court did not receive consent to conduct a videoconference supervised release revocation hearing.

Therefore, the Court held a status conference by videoconference. The defendant was present by videoconference. During the proceeding, the parties provided information about the status case. At the request of the parties, with the consent of the defendant, the Court granted a consent motion for a continuance. If, ultimately, the violations are not contested and the defendant consents to proceeding by videoconference, the parties are instructed to notify the Court so that a

videoconference supervised release revocation may be scheduled. Absent consent, the Court intends to proceed with an in-court revocation hearing as soon as it is safe in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

s/ Terry L. Wooten
Senior United States District Judge

July 28, 2020
Columbia, South Carolina